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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

PARK ET AL.

Examiner

Peter R. Brown

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10-19 and 22-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 26 and 27 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10-19, 22-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Claims 1-8,10-12,17-19 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unobvious over Chu in view of Lobanoff and Ikeda et al.

Figures 1 and 2 show structure as claimed, including a headrest pillow with a display device in an opening on its rear side, and cables extending through the hollow post of the headrest to connect the display device with a power source. To have provided the video display of Chu with a hinged padded cover, for protecting the screen against scratches or dirt, and/or for aesthetic purposes, would have been an obvious modification to one with ordinary skill in the art, as such is shown to be old and well known in the art by Lobanoff (figs. 1,2).

To have provided the headrest of Chu with a conventional tilting mechanism, for additional comfort and versatility, would have been an obvious modification to one with ordinary skill in the art, as such is shown to be old and well known in the art by Ikeda et al (Fig. 1).

The type of display device and cable is considered a matter of design choice and obvious mechanical expediency, as is the material of the support pillar.

Claims 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the prior art as applied to the claims above, and further in view of Dixon.

Dixon (figs. 3,4) teaches the use of a housing and monitor attachment bezel 21 for mounting a video display within a backrest, and in view of this suggestion, to have utilized such a housing and bezel for the display device of Chu, for securement and mounting purposes, would have been well within the level of skill in the art.

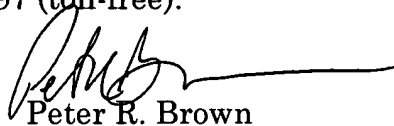
Claims 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the prior art as applied to the claims above, and further in view of ul Azam et al.

To have provided the video display device of Chu with a remote control, for versatility, would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art, as such is shown to be conventional by ul Azam et al (fig. 2).

Claims 26 and 27 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter R. Brown whose telephone number is 571-272-6853. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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